

## *Do You Generate Trash?*

Can you go one day without generating trash? What about two days? According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average person generates about four pounds of trash per day. All this trash must go somewhere. In Japan, there are not many places to dispose of our trash. What is the amount of trash thrown away? For example, in 1995, the Center for Global Communications-International University of Japan, reported that the people in Japan threw away over 6 million tons (12 billion pounds) of plastic-type materials in one year. This does not count all the other non-burnable type trash. Most trash, including these plastics, ends up in incinerators, which creates a massive air pollution problem. With the ever-increasing water and air pollution occurring from trash disposal, the Government of Japan (GOJ) introduced a new trash policy in April of 1996. For our area, the local governments require the segregation of trash into three categories: burnable, non-burnable, and recyclable trash.

Many off-post Japanese have complied with this GOJ policy; however, many of our on-post personnel are not familiar with the trash segregation policy and are confused as to what is burnable, non-burnable, and recyclable. United States Army Garrison-Japan has adopted the local governments' trash segregation policy. Thus, family housing and bachelor quarter personnel must segregate their trash as follows:

<b>Burnable Waste</b>	<b>Non-burnable Waste</b>	<b>Recyclable Materials</b>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cereal Boxes</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Used Clothing</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Envelopes</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Pizza Boxes</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Other waste include:</b> yard waste, leather, towels, shoes, kleenex tissues, plastic wrap, etc.</p> <p><b>Place into containers marked for burnable waste.</b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Electrical</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Light Bulbs</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CD/ DVD Disc</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Aerosol Cans</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Other waste include:</b> kitchen utensils, paint cans, tools, glass ware, metal items, etc.</p> <p><b>High rise and bachelor personnel:</b> place into designated containers</p> <p><b>Housing personnel:</b> place these and large refuse next to your burnable trash containers.</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Plastic Bottles</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Cardboard Boxes</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Newspapers</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Metal Cans</p> </div> </div> <p><b>Other recyclables include:</b> batteries, books, calendars, paper, plastic soda bottles, magazines, etc.</p> <p><b>Place into containers marked for recyclable materials or drop off at:</b> Camp Zama (S-694) Sagamihara Family Housing (S-150) Sagami General Depot (90-S9)</p>	
<b>Family Housing and High Rise Trash Pickup Information</b>			
Installation	Burnable	Non-burnable	Recyclable Materials
Camp Zama (All, except Chapel Hill)	Monday and Thursday	Monday	Wednesday
Camp Zama (Chapel Hill)	Tuesday and Friday	"	"
Sagamihara Family Housing Area	Tuesday and Friday	Tuesday	"
Sagami General Depot	Monday and Thursday	"	"
<b>Bachelor Quarter Trash Pickup occurs daily</b>			

**Family Housing occupants must place their burnables, non-burnables, and recyclables at their appropriate pick-up points before 0800 hours.**

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